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the Chief of Staff, the Bereitschaften (redesignated from KVP-Land), the Sea Police, the Aero Club (Aeronautic Club), the Construction and Billeting Chief, and the Rear Services Chief. Lieutenant General Hoffmann was Chief of the Bereitschaften. All letters, even those whose content was pertinent only to the army, were addressed to the Chief MdI/KVP.

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2. Agencies subordinate to the chief of staff included not only Headquarters I to XII, whose official designations were unknown, but also the Motor Transport Department, the Ordnance Department, etc. The terms Hauptstab (Main Headquarters), Generalstab (General Staff), Hauptverwaltung (Main Department), and Fachverwaltung (Technical Department) were unknown. The term Fachverwaltung (Technical Department) was possibly used for the departments which, for distinction from Headquarters I to XII, were unnumbered. It appeared that the Chief of Staff was exclusively responsible for the Bereitschaften since the staffs of the subordinate departments apparently included no liaison officers detached by the Sea Police or the Aero Club.²

3. A letter from the Billeting Department (VQN) which concerned the arrangement of a discussion on construction problems was addressed Comrade Major General Bechler, Deputy Chief of Staff, through Lieutenant General Hoffmann, KVP Chief. It was returned by Bechler (SMA) with a marginal note which indicated that the participants had been informed. The official letter head of the Chief of the Motor Transport Department allegedly read MdI/KVP - The Chief of Staff - The Motor Transport Department - the Chief.²

4. Officers of Headquarters I to XII included Major Heinze (SMA) assistant chief of staff and successor of Lieutenant Colonel Tschischke (SMA); Lieutenant Colonel Scheibe (SMA), chief of Headquarters II; Colonel Goehring (SMA), chief of Headquarters IV, which was in charge of local arrangement of units; Major Schnabel (SMA), the previous chief of staff

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chief of Headquarters XI, who was responsible for payment, rations and clothing of the MdI/KVP headquarters personnel; and Lieutenant Colonel Roellich (fnu), chief of Headquarters XII.³

5. Construction and Billeting Chief was ~~Major Wilhelm~~ ^{Major Wilhelm} whom the Construction Department and subordinate. His aide de camp was Major ~~Major~~ ^{Major}, political officer was Lieutenant Colonel Pfennig (fnu); and, since June 1954, Soviet adviser was Lieutenant Colonel Fe ~~Fe~~ ^{Fe}.
6. The Construction Department under ~~Major Kuehnau~~ ^{Major Kuehnau} Deputy of which was Major Kuehnau (fnu), was ~~transferred into the Material Procurement Department, the Personnel Replacement Department and the Transport Department.~~ Staff officer for Bauunion Sued was Major Giese (fnu). and staff officer for ~~Bauunion Sued was Captain Krause (fnu).~~⁴
7. The Billeting Department ~~under Major Mueller~~ ^{Major Mueller} which were Lieutenant Colonel Mueller (fnu), was organized ~~into the following sections:~~ included the 1st Section, which was charged with planning and billeting, staffed by Major Herman (fnu), Captain Wohlfeil (fnu), Captain Haberkorn (fnu), and Senior Lieutenant Struck (fnu), political officer; the 2d Section, which was in charge of projecting, staffed by Lieutenant Colonel Koehler (fnu) and Senior Lieutenant Hartmann (fnu), political officer: it was organized into the projecting office under Krause (fnu), the research and development office which was staffed with Major Thomas (fnu), and the blueprints storeroom; the 3d Section, which was charged with checks and inspections (KI), staffed by Lieutenant Colonel Koehler (fnu) and Captain Knippenberg (fnu), the 4th Section, which was in charge of real estate administration and was staffed by Captain Bickelhaupt (fnu), chief and billets staff officer, Captain Fenn (fnu) legal office, Captain Lerch (fnu), forest team, and Senior Lieutenant Stange (fnu), political officer; the 5th Section, which was in charge of upkeep missions and was staffed by Captain Marquardt (fnu) and Captain Rabe (fnu); the 6th Section, which was in charge of billets utilization and was staffed by Captain Klemm (fnu), furniture and equipment staff officer, and Senior Lieutenant Neumann (fnu), fuels staff officer; the 7th Section, which was in charge of finance and was staffed by Captain Stange (fnu) and Captain Krautz (fnu). Billeting departments which were also subordinate to this department included the Berlin department at 3 Bad Strasse in Strausberg, which was staffed by Captain Krause (fnu) and had a depot at Berlin-Magerviehhof; the Eggesin department in Gumnitz near Eggesin which was staffed by Major Pohlmann (fnu); the Dresden department at 10 Leipziger Strasse, staffed by Major Giersch (fnu) and Captain Peter (fnu); the Halle department on Matth.Claudius Strasse, staffed by Major Bergermann (fnu); the Leipzig department in the building of the former officers' mess, staffed by Captain Heil (fnu); the Erfurt department in the Petersberg Kaserne, which was staffed by Captain Lehmann (fnu) and depot of which was located on Marbach Flur where the billeting department was also scheduled to move; the Schwerin department in the Grenadier Kaserne on Werder Strasse, which was staffed by Major Grund (fnu) and depot of which was located in the former Marstall (ducal stables); the Pasewalk department in the area of the former ODD depot on Torgelower Landstrasse, staffed by Captain Buchmann (fnu) and Captain Amthor (fnu); the Stralsund department on Stalin Strasse, staffed by Major Beckert (fnu); and the Potsdam department on Allee Strasse which was staffed by Captain Pech (fnu) and depot of which was located in Teltow. It was allegedly planned to establish a new ~~billeting~~ department (QNA) in Cottbus.⁴

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8. Supply Services Chief was Major General *Walter* [redacted] Departments subordinate to him included the Supply Department under Colonel Public *Walter*: the Motor Transport Department under Colonel Schaefer *Walter*: the Motor Transport Department under Lieutenant Colonel *Walter*: the Fuels and Lubricants Department: and the Medical Department under Major General Professor Dr. Walther (fnu) who also controlled the Leipzig-Wiederitzsch field surgeon school. There were also a ration supply section under Lieutenant Colonel Holland (fnu). and a clothing section under Lieutenant Colonel *Walter* (fnu).⁵
9. The General Department under Major General *Walter* [redacted] directly to Stoph, Minister of the Interior. *Walter* [redacted] the Minister's Secretariat under Lieutenant Colonel *Walter* [redacted] the Finance Section, the Planning Section under Colonel *Walter* [redacted] and the Real Estate Section staffed with Major Zingel *Walter* [redacted] Planning Section, which was also designated Planning and Coordinating Section, included agencies for all materials to be procured. In accordance with requests by the MdI/KVP, these agencies applied to the responsible ministries for providing the required materials. The Real Estate Section was established in the spring of 1954. All purchases and sales of landed property, such conveyances, from the Army to the Navy, were subject to approval *Walter* [redacted].
10. The Billeting Department forwarded project *Walter* [redacted] barracks construction, through Major General Mayer *Walter* [redacted] Staff who requested Major General Menzel (fnu) to allocate the funds which had been already released on the occasion of a call at the stage of rough drawing. Approval for large sized projects such as Strausberg was given by Minister Stoph himself.⁶
11. An SfS office under Major General Linke (fnu) was located at 22/24 Behren Strasse in Berlin, at the intersection of Behren Strasse and Charlotten Strasse.⁷

1. *Walter* [redacted] Comment. It is doubted that Bereitschaften is now the official designation for KVP-Land. *Walter* [redacted] It is believed that the designations of Construction and Billeting Chief and Rear Services Chief are correct.

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2. *Walter* [redacted] Comment. The designation of headquarters is used for the 1st through 12th Departments. It is known that they are subordinate to the Chief of Staff. Their previous designation has been reported as KVP-Hauptstab (KVP Main Headquarters). In fact, however, these departments are not exclusively responsible for KVP-Land. It is believed that the jurisdiction of the 3d Department (Telecommunications), the 6th Department (Recruiting), the 7th Department (Special Occurrences), and the 9th Department (Transport) covers the Sea Police and the Aeroclub. It is possible that the jurisdiction of the Fachverwaltungen (Technical Departments) is limited to KVP-Land. Their direct subordination to the Chief of Staff would mean that the Chief of Staff, corresponding with Lieutenant General Hoffmann's position, would be Chief of Staff of the MdI/KVP as a whole and the KVP-Land, too. It is believed more likely, however, that Major General Bechler, Deputy Chief of Staff, *Walter* [redacted] the functions of a chief of staff of the KVP-Land.

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3. Comment. Most of the officers mentioned in the present report are known as members of the departments specified. 25X1
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5. Comment. The organization is still undetermined. The Ration Supply Section and the Clothing Section are possibly sections of the Supply Department. It is noted that the present report fails to mention a finance section which should necessarily belong to the department. It is considered quite unlikely that the allegedly independent Finance Department under Colonel Reinhold (fnu) also settles all finance affairs of the Rear Services Chief. It is believed to be more likely that there is only one department for sedans and trucks which includes a sedan section and a truck section. 25X1
6. Comment. The General Department and the officers mentioned in the present report are known. The scope of missions and jurisdiction of this department, however, is still undetermined. It is possibly an agency which has to coordinate the demands and interests of the MdI/KVP and other groups within the MdI and to represent these coordinated demands toward other ministries. It is believed that the present report fails to cover all sub-departments. 25X1
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Lieutenant General Heinz Hoffmann's official designation was Chief of the KVP (KVP Chief). Agencies subordinate to Hoffmann included the Chief of Staff, the Bereitschaften (redesignated from KVE-Land), the Sea Force, the Aeroclub, the Construction and Engineering Chief and the Rear Services Chief. Lieutenant General Hoffmann was also in command of the Bereitschaften. All letters, even those of a personal nature, were sent only to the army. were addressed to the Chief of the KVP.

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Officers of Headquarters I to VII included Major Kereze, Assistant Chief of staff and successor of Lieutenant Colonel Tschischoke (fwd); Lieutenant Colonel Scheibe, Chief of Headquarters II; Colonel Tschirner as Chief of Headquarters IV, which was in charge of local arrangement of units; Major Schnabel, the previous chief of staff of IV 5000 from 1941 to 1942; and to Goehring; Captain Garra on the staff of Headquarters I; Lieutenant Colonel Scheiding;

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chief of Headquarters AI, who was responsible for payment, rations and clothing of the NDI/WVP headquarters personnel; and Lieutenant Colonel Roellich (fnu), chief of Headquarters AII.³

4. Construction and Billeting: Chief was Major General **Wilhelm Mayer** to whom the Construction Department and the Billeting Department were subordinate. His aide de camp was Major Haack, political officer was Lieutenant Colonel Pfennig and, since June 1954, Soviet advisor was Lieutenant Colonel Fedorov (fnu).⁴
5. The Construction Department under Colonel **Horst Preussler**, deputy of which was Major Luehnau, was organized into the Material Procurement Department, the Personnel Replacement Department and the Transport Department. Staff officer for Bauunion Sued was Major Fries (fnu), and staff officer for Bauunion Fueste was Captain Brumann (fnu).⁴
7. The Billeting Department under Colonel **Johannes Rohlitz**, deputies of which were Lieutenant Colonel **Max Koehler** and Lieutenant Colonel Luehner (fnu), was organized into seven sections. These sections included the 1st Section, which was charged with planning and billeting, staffed by Major Hermen (fnu), Captain Wehlfell (fnu), Captain Haberkorn (fnu), and Senior Lieutenant Struck (fnu), political officer; the 2d Section, which was in charge of projecting, staffed by Lieutenant Colonel Koehler and Senior Lieutenant Hartmann (fnu), political officer; it was organized into the projecting office under Frouse (fnu), the research and development office which was staffed with Major Elms (fnu), and the blueprints storeroom; the 3d Section, which was charged with checks and inspections (MI), staffed by Lieutenant Colonel Koehler and Captain Linpenberg (fnu), the 4th Section, which was in charge of real estate administration and was staffed by Captain Pockelhaup (fnu), chief and billets staff officer, Captain Fenn (fnu), legal office, Captain Lerch (fnu), forest term, and Senior Lieutenant Stange (fnu), political officer; the 5th Section, which was in charge of overseas missions and was staffed by Captain Marquardt (fnu) and Captain Rebe (fnu); the 6th Section, which was in charge of billets utilization and was staffed by Captain Klemm (fnu), furniture and equipment staff officer, and Senior Lieutenant Neumann (fnu), fuels staff officer; the 7th Section, which was in charge of finance and was staffed by Captain Stange (fnu) and Captain Krutz (fnu). Billeting departments which were also subordinate to this department included the Berlin department at 3 Red Strasse in Strassberg, which was staffed by Captain Frouse (fnu) and had a depot at Berlin-Magerviehhof; the Ergesin department in Gumbitz near Ergesin which was staffed by Major Pohlmann (fnu); the Dresden department at 10 Leipziger Strasse, staffed by Major Giersch (fnu) and Captain Peter (fnu); the Halle department on Matth.Claudius Strasse, staffed by Major Jergemann (fnu); the Leipzig department in the building of the former officers' mess, staffed by Captain Heil (fnu); the Erfurt department in the Petersberg Kaserne, which was staffed by Captain Lehmann (fnu) and depot of which was located on Harbach Flur where the billeting department was also scheduled to move; the Schwerin department in the Grenadier Kaserne on Herder Strasse, which was staffed by Major Grund (fnu) and depot of which was located in the former Karstall (coal stables); the Paderborn department in the area of the former GDD depot on Tongelower Landstrasse, staffed by Captain Buchmann (fnu) and Captain Luthor (fnu); the Stralsund department on Stalin Strasse, staffed by Major Teckert (fnu); and the Potsdam department on Allee Strasse which was staffed by Captain Pech (fnu) and depot of which was located in Teltow. It was allegedly planned to establish a new billeting department (MI) in Cottbus.⁴

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9. The General Department under Major General **Rudolf Menzel** was subordinate directly to Storch, Minister of the Interior. Sub-departments of the General Department included the Minister's Secretariat under Lieutenant Colonel **Tschischke** (fnu), the Finance Section, the Planning Section under Colonel **Heinz Koppatsch**, and the Real Estate Section staffed with Major **Hinzelmann** (fnu). The Planning Section, which was also designated Planning and Coordinating Section, included agencies for all materials to be procured. In accordance with requests by the LdI/KVP, these agencies applied to the responsible ministries for providing the required materials. The Real Estate Section was established in the spring of 1954. All purchases and sales of landed property, even conveyances, from the Army to the Navy, were subject to approval by this section.⁶
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

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